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The Third Taxing District of East Norwalk, CT ("TTD") is celebrating Public Power Week Oct. 1-7, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

"Public Power Week celebrates the reliable, affordable electricity provided to our community," said interim TTD

General Manager Ron Scofield. "Public power puts the people of East Norwalk first, and Public Power Week gives us the chance to emphasize the advantages of locally grown, locally owned power to our citizens," said Ron.

"Our service is reliable and safe and we take pride in serving our friends and neighbors," said Ron. "TTD is proud to have served East Norwalk for 104 years."

Today TTD has 11 employees who are dedicated to serving East Norwalk's residential and commercial customers and 3,800 meters.

### TTD | SEASONAL KNOWLEDGE BASE

## TREE PRUNING: Enhancing East Norwalk's Tree Canopy

Each year many trees are killed by homeowners and nonprofessional landscapers who prune them without the knowledge and techniques that will guide their growth for strength, health and for their natural beauty. We've all seen trees that have been grossly topped-off, making them short-lived lollipops in the landscape, subject to disease and slow death.

#### For the Life of the Tree

Pruning is the most common tree maintenance procedure. Although forest trees grow quite well with only nature's pruning, trees in our



Incorrectly pruned tree

Norwalk neighborhoods require a higher level of care to maintain their safety and aesthetics.

Pruning should be done with an understanding of how the tree responds to each cut. Improper pruning can cause damage that will last for the life of the tree, or worse, shorten the tree's life. Proper pruning, with an understanding of tree biology, can maintain a tree's health and structure, while enhancing its aesthetic and economic values.

For proper pruning, a licensed arborist always is your best choice.



Properly pruned tree

#### **Learning from** the Professionals

For those "weekend warriors" who are interested in learning proper tree pruning techniques, the Norwalk Tree Alliance is presenting a special Tree Pruning Class & Demonstration, FREE to all Norwalk residents, on Saturday, October 14th, 10am-1pm, at the Rosa Parks Arboretum, rain or shine. Leading Connecticut arborists will teach proper pruning techniques and demonstrate on the several species of mature trees at the Arboretum. Rosa Parks Arboretum is located behind Columbus-Magnet School, 46 Concord Street; parking will be available at the school lot.

# FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

## Frank's Barber Shop

Frank "the barber" DiStasio emigrated from Italy to East Norwalk in 1955 when he was just a teenager. Following a family tradition, Frank attended several barber schools including Wright Tech in Stamford and eventually Bullard Havens in Bridgeport.

To get his Barber's Certificate, Frank even attended the New York Barber School where he graduated in the late 1960's.

He opened his first shop in the Ludlow Shopping Center in 1967 with his wife, Elvira, who worked with him for thirty years. It became the place to go for a neighborhood haircut.



Frank DiStasio

Besides delivering one of the best and economical hair cuts in the area, Frank's Barber Shop was always a visual delight. Frank's love for indoor plants, such as Flowering Begonias and African Violets were a mere backdrop for his colorful Paper Mache Parrots that hung from the ceiling along with one of the biggest rubber tree plants anywhere in Norwalk that ran around the perimeter of the shop's ceiling.

This was the place for local politics and social information. Frank's was the community Facebook before there was a Facebook. That was until an unfortunate fire destroyed Ludlow Plaza in November of 2016.

Frank's new location is on FIRST STREET across from Partner's Café. He has been here for eight months and is still offering the same economy and quality of service that the original Frank's Barber Shop was noted for. Stop in for vour next haircut.



#### **RECENT HAPPENINGS**



Summer of Music at the Beach 8 Free Concerts, all summer long Hope you caught at least one of them!



Taste of East Norwalk

First annual event of food, music & fun

Was delicious — for foodies and families!



East Norwalk Library Programs
New summer programs a big hit
We welcomed new Director, Ms Sylvia Archibald

## **INFOGRAPHIC:**

#### **TOP CAUSES OF POWER OUTAGES**



Region		Top Sustained Outage Cause
1	5	Equipment Problems
2		Squirrels
3	•	Various Weather Conditions

Region		Top Sustained Outage Cause
4	3	Equipment Problems
5	4	Trees
6	G)	Storm
7	4th	Trees

Region	Top Sustained Outage Cause
8	Scheduled Equipment Replacement
9	Equipment Problems
10	No Data

#### Other Important Dates

September 4: Labor Day (Office Closed)

September 11: Commission Meeting October 2: Commission Meeting

October 9: Columbus Day (Office Closed)

October 16: Commission Meeting

# **Monthly Tree Lightings**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

This month the tree is lit in GOLD to symbolize National Childhood Cancer Awareness. The supporting foundation is St. Baldrick's Foundation,



with the founders shaving their heads for donations to raise funds for kids with cancer. Their first event was held on St. Patrick's day and raised over \$104,000 donated to fund the research of the Children's Oncology Group. Now a national organization, St. Baldrick's saw the problem and found a way to globalize support and love to the victims of cancer and impact their futures.

#### OCTOBER

This Month: October 2017 the tree is lit in PINK to symbolize National Breast Cancer Awareness. The supporting foundation is the Susan G. Komen Southern New England located in Farmington, CT est. 1984 and is the world's largest breast cancer organization. Komen has funded more than \$920 million in research and serves more than 30 countries worldwide offering education, screening, treatment and psychosocial programs to men and women. The founder, Nancy G. Brinker, made a promise to her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end breast cancer. In loving memory of Susan G. Komen.

## Our customers speak

"Awesome job, TTD! Thanks commissioners! We appreciate your fair rates, dependable service and smiling crew – and loved the Beach concerts... Thank you!" — The Orbans

Your feedback means everything to us!

To report a power outage during non-business hours, call 203-663-6875.

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